



Denmead Junior School

Building success, inspiring curiosity

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another exciting week here at Denmead Junior School. It's hugely frustrating that you are not here to witness things first hand but as society slowly begins to open up, in a safe and cautious way, so I hope will we.

We are busy looking forward and planning around our residential trip programmes, our transition programme, with both our new Year 2's and for our Year 6's moving on. We are also making preparations for our Sports Day, which we are hoping to be able to invite parents to; the date for this is set for Friday, the 25th June. As in previous years, we have invited CM Sports to help us run this exciting day and this is the only day currently where they have availability, so please pray for good weather! We will of course, look to put in some contingency, should the weather prove inclement on that day.

We are now looking to reintroduce our extra-curricular provision in a cautious but safe way. Although we have not yet been contacted by our former after-school providers, Mrs Burton will be making phone calls with a view to being able to provide an extra-curricular offer very soon, beyond the current forest school sessions already running.

Our new library has now been fully installed and we have been able to reorganise the 'old' library space into a new research centre, aptly named, 'The Hub'. We will be opening up the new library to children from next week, which will be extremely exciting. The feedback that we have had from both children and adults has been nothing short of 'Wow'! It is a beautiful, colourful, stimulating and wholly inviting space in which to enjoy a book and I know our children will enjoy using this space for many years to come.



The Forest Garden area continues to develop under Mr Marley's efforts. The outdoor stage is complete. He has also installed two stone paths at the outdoor entrance to the area, which are both functional and aesthetically pleasing. We have also, with the help of our kind sponsors, planted 3 more trees. Rather than fruit trees, these are a Royal Burgundy variety, a cherry blossom that develops dark red leaves over the summer. These are located through the middle of our raised planter area and will act as a potential source of shade as children sit and enjoy the area from the comfort of the benches beneath.



We have also been able to source some young, silver birches, which we will plant throughout the site, which over time, will provide both structure, shade and a lovely backdrop to where the children will be working, playing and enjoying whilst using this area. We already have a list of tree sponsors, who all have the opportunity to plant their own tree. If you have not received an email from Mrs Burton already, but would like to be added to this list, then please do get in touch. These young, silver birches we have been able to procure for a very reasonable £15 per tree.

Mr Marley has begun planting some of the new hedgerow, that will grow up over the years as a natural screen and habitat for birds but he will need some help. Over the course of next week, your child will have the opportunity of planting their own 'whip' with the rest of their class.

With all the work that has been going on, both in the Forest Garden and the library, it has meant that we have created some understandable waste. A massive thank you to Mr Hedges of LL Waste Recycling, for providing for us, free of charge, a skip as well as a considerable number of seeds for our new outdoor area.

Meanwhile, Year 5 have been doing Bikeability this week, which is an important life-skill, equipping children with important habits so that they can use the roads safely, whilst on their bikes.

All children, if they ride to school, should wear their helmets and use what they have learned to be both safe and respectful to other users of the roads and pavements.

I will finish this week with a quote from Mason Cooley, that is emblazoned on a wall, in our new school library, "Reading gives us some place to go when we have to stay where we are."



Whatever you do, wherever you are this lovely bank holiday, stay safe, have an enjoyable time and maybe, if you can, read a little too!

Have a great long weekend and see you all on Tuesday!

Kind regards,

Mr Andy Clarke
Head Teacher

DIARY DATES:

- **Monday 3rd May** – Bank Holiday
- **Tuesday 4th May** – Deadline for free P&P school photo ordering (online is easiest)
- **30th May** – Deadline for deposits for Year 4 Calshot residential trip
- **Friday 25th June** – Sports Day



DDC WRAP

DDC Wrap & Holiday Club are looking for a Deputy Manager and Wrap Club assistants. Roles are term time only and are 23 hours per week (with optional Holiday Club hours if you would like). If you are passionate about working with children and would like to hear more information on these roles, please email admin@denmeaddaycare.com

